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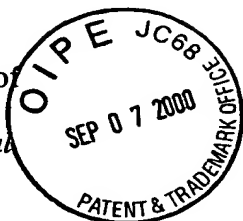
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In re patent application of

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Serial No. 09/120,383

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For: SULFONATED AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES AND METALLOPROTEINASE
INHIBITORS CONTAINING THE SAME

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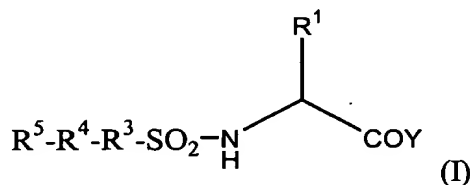
Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 7, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

26. (Twice Amended) A compound of the formula I:

wherein R⁵ is a [an optionally] substituted phenyl group,R⁴ is a bond,R³ is phenyleneR¹ is a lower alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from
the group consisting of hydroxy, alkoxy, mercapto, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, halogen,

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